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SUBJ: BOLIVIA GRANTS LIMITED AMNESTY TO POLITICAL PRISONERS AND
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1. THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED A CHRISTMAS AMNESTY FOR EIGHTY (80) CITIZENS DECEMBER 19. SEVENTY-ONE POLITICAL PRISONERS WERE FREED AND NINE EXILES CAN RETURN TO BOLIVIA. FROM THE LIST OF 119 NAMES FURNISHED BY RELATIVES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS (REFTEL) THIRTY (30) BOLIVIANS WERE SET FREE AND THE FOUR FOREIGNERS ON THE LIST WILL BE EXPELLED. THEREFORE, IT APPEARS THAT AT LEAST EIGHTY-FIVE (85) BOLIVIANS REMAIN POLITICAL PRISONERS. (THE NAMES OF FORTY-ONE OF THOSE RELEASED HAD NOT REPEAT NOT APPEARED ON THE EARLIER LIST.) THE DECEMBER 19 LIST IS BEING POUCHED TO THE DESK.

2. AMONG NINE EXILES ALLOWED TO RETURN IS JOSE FELLMAN VELARDE FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO EX-PRESIDENT PAZ ESTENSSORO. FORMER PRESENCIA NEWSMAN IN EXILE, HUMBERTO VACAFLOR GANAM ALSO RECEIVED PERMISSION TO RETURN TO BOLIVIA.

3. COMMENT: THE LIST WAS PROBABLY SMALLER THAN HOPED FOR BUT LARGER THAN SOME EXPECTED. THE FEDERATION OF MINEWORKERS (FSTMB)
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CONTINUE TO SEEK AMNESTY FOR AT LEAST FIFTEEN MINERS. THE FSTMB'S

DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE NUMBER OF MINEWORKERS RELEASED MAY
EXACERBATE PROBLEMS IN THE MINES.
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